

## Two NASA ELV launches from CCAFS in March



## Employees can seek counseling via KSC crisis hotline

**▲ ELV Update:** The next launch scheduled is the Galaxy Evolution Explorer (GALEX) aboard a Pegasus XL rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station March 25. The Pegasus is planned for ferry to CCAFS on an L-1011 aircraft Feb. 18. GALEX is a NASA UV imaging and spectroscopic survey mission designed to map the global history and probe the causes of star formation and its evolution over the ultraviolet range. Following GALEX will be the launch of the Propulsive Small Expendable Deployer System (ProSEDS) aboard a Delta II rocket March 29 from CCAFS. ProSEDS is a tether-based propulsion experiment that draws power from the space environment around Earth, allowing the transfer of energy from Earth to the spacecraft.

**▲ KSC Crisis Hotline:** Because of the tragedy of the STS-107 Columbia mission, some employees may want to speak with a counselor. The KSC Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has set up a crisis hotline at 867-7398. Calling that number will provide contact information for counseling.

**◆ Dr. Stuart D. Strahl, president/CEO of Audubon of Florida, to speak at Opening Ceremony of Environmental & Energy Awareness Week** -- The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. April 21 in the KSC Training Auditorium. Dr. Strahl has 20 years of background in national and international programs. He is a career conservationist with deep experience in applied science, restoration ecology, public policy and not-for-profit management. He also serves as vice president and Everglades Conservation director of the National Audubon Society and Research Fellow and founding director of Latin American Programs for the Wildlife Conservation Society.

**◆ Federally Employed Women Annual Training Program:** The Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) has been doing training seminars for 23 years and has learned that training needs to be informative and entertaining to motivate employees and it needs to be affordable for organiza-

tions, especially in today's working environment. FEW invites employees to attend the 24th Annual Training Program to be held March 12 and repeated on March 13, 2003, at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn. The cost for the one-day Seminar is \$79 per person, parking is free, and FEW is providing a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact Karin Biega at (321) 867-6382/e-mail [Karin.K.Biega@nasa.gov](mailto:Karin.K.Biega@nasa.gov) or Vickie Hall via e-mail [Vickie.C.Hall@nasa.gov](mailto:Vickie.C.Hall@nasa.gov) for a registration package. All registration forms and payment or purchase orders are due by Feb. 28. Additionally, if you would like to be an exhibitor at this event, please contact Betty Valentine, 476-4213/e-mail [Elizabeth.C.Valentine@nasa.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.C.Valentine@nasa.gov) or Karen Jansma, 867-2309/e-mail [Karen.S.Jansma@nasa.gov](mailto:Karen.S.Jansma@nasa.gov). Watch for future articles and don't miss this exciting training opportunity.

**◆ Did You Know? Keep Your Energy Bill Out of Hot Water** -- Water heating can be expensive, but there are a number of ways to lower your costs: **1)** Use less water. Repair leaky faucets immediately and use low-flow shower heads. (A family of four, each showering for five minutes a day, uses 700 gallons of water a week; cut that amount in half by using low-flow aerating shower heads.) **2)** Insulate your hot-water storage tank and pipes, and drain a quart of water from your water tank every three months to remove sediment (follow the manufacturer's advice). **3)** Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 115 degrees; water heaters sometimes come from the factory with higher temperature settings than are necessary. **4)** When buying a new water heater, compare Energy-Guide labels to find an energy-efficient model. For more tips on saving energy at home, visit the Web site <http://www.energysavers.gov>.

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